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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, PREL, KS, KN
SUBJECT: KA 858: RESPONDING TO QUERIES ON CREDIBILITY OF
THE ROK'S CASE

REF: BEIJING 2712

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AMONG THE INFORMATION WHICH WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE
CONVEYED TO THE ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR IN RESPONSE TO THE
POINTS HE RAISED REFTEL IS FBIS' LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF
MS. KIM HYUN HEE'S JANUARY 15 STATEMENT, WHICH
DEMONSTRATES THAT THE WORDS SHE USED ARE NORTH KOREAN. WE
AGREE WITH EMBASSY BEIJING THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE FURTHER
QUERIES FROM DIPLOMATS AND OTHERS WHO ARE INFLUENCED BY
PYONGYANG'S PROPAGANDA DISAVOWING ANY LINK WITH KA 858 AND
ASSERTING THAT THE ROKG ITSELF BLEW UP THE PLANE. WE ARE
SUGGESTING TO MOFA THAT IT PREPARE A DETAILED REBUTTAL OF
NORTH KOREAN ALLEGATIONS AND SHARE IT WITH US SO THAT WE
WILL HAVE A COORDINATED POSITION. IN THE MEANTIME, WE
RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO BEIJING AND OTHER
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CONCERNED POSTS THE TEXT OF FBIS' ANALYSIS.

3. WE ALSO SUGGEST YOU INFORM THE ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR THAT
IN A SITUATION WE CONTROLLED MS. KIM PICKED OUT THE

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF 3 NORTH KOREANS WHO HAD CONTACTED HER UNDER
ALIAS IN BELGRADE AND BUDAPEST, 2 IN BELGRADE ONE IN
BUDAPEST. THEN 3 PHOTOGRAPHS WERE PICKED OUT OF A
COLLECTION OF 26 SHOWN HER. IN EACH CASE THE INDIVIDUAL
SHE PICKED WAS IN FACT THE PHOTOGRAPH OF A NORTH KOREAN
INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT AGENT POSTED IN THAT CITY AT THE
TIME SHE WAS THERE. WE CONSIDER THAT PART OF THE
COMPELLING INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE THAT SHE WAS WORKING FOR
NORTH KOREA. LILLEY##

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